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SUBJECT: CHIN REFUGEES STRUGGLE WHILE AWAITING UNHCR REGISTRATION AND RESETTLEMENT

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Summary

11. (SBU) In their primitive jungle camps and at a medical clinic they established in Kuala Lumpur, Burmese Chin refugees recently described to Chin Refugees Struggling in Jungle Camps

12. (SBU) Together with two Burmese Chin refugees acting as guides and interpreters on November 15, poloff visited two jungle camps housing abc Living in Fear of Extortion, Raids and Deportation

13. (SBU) The first camp we visited was only 500 meters from a paved road. It is well-known to local police. During discussions with four men 1 Hard Work for Uncertain Payment

14. (SBU) The refugees said they are paid about RM25 (\$6.75) for a full day's work on the plantations, but that the work is sporadic and their Frustration With the UNHCR

15. (SBU) Following a 30 minute hike, we arrived at a second, much more remote camp. This camp was situated in a ravine and accessible only thr

16. (U) They all hoped for resettlement into a third country as soon as possible. They wished to leave the jungle, and they described conditior Chin Medical Care on Ad Hoc Basis

17. (U) On November 9, poloff visited a refugee medical clinic organized by the Alliance of Chin Refugees (ACR), one of the two largest entitie Comment

18. (SBU) The ARC and CRC have performed admirably in their attempts to organize and care for their own people, but institutional funding is ne LAFLEUR